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LINERS LOST AT SEA.

A CAPTAIN'S STORY OF WHO IS OFTENEST TO BLAME.

He Also Suggests Why, When an Ocean Steamer Goes Down, Her Commander Is Seldom to Be Found Among Those Who Were Saved.

"There's another side to this question of the criminal carelessness of the commander which we hear so much talk about whenever a liner is lost," said the captain of a big ocean steamship the other day. "It's not the captain who is really to blame in one case out of ten even when he is running his ship at full speed through a fog. It's the public that's to blame, and I'll tell you how it is.

"To begin with, everybody knows of the rivalry between the different lines. Everybody knows what a difference there is, in the estimation of the public, between the rival boats of the same grade which start at the same time and come in 24 hours apart. The man who has traveled by the boat that comes in last is going to say to himself that next time he will go on the So-and-so, which must be a better boat, for didn't she come in a day ahead of the one he came on?

"The captain of boat No. 1 is a hero for the time being, and the company he works for smiles on him. That he has run all the way at full speed through heavy seas and fogs and has taken all kinds of risks he knows, but he doesn't say anything about that, and the company doesn't, either. They have beaten the other line, and that is enough.

"The captain of boat No. 2, which came in a day behind the other, knows just what is in store for him before he reports at the office of his company. This is about what he hears:

"'Why, how is this, Mr. Blank? You came in 24 hours behind the So-and-so. What was the matter anyhow?'

"'Well, you see,' says the captain, 'we had storms part of the way, and when we got to the banks we struck a fog so thick you couldn't see your hand before your face, and we had to run at half speed all day.'

"'Ahem!' one of the owners will say. 'Ahem! It's a bad thing, Mr. Blank, for us to be beaten 24 hours by the So-and-so.'

"Captain Blank says no more, but feels that he has been reproved, and he remembers it on the next trip. The sea may be running 'mountains high' and the fog may be so thick you can't see the funnel from the bridge, but he is bound to get in on time this trip, and he does. The owners of the line smile on him. So he knows what he is required to do and goes on making record trips.

"It is the public, you see, which the company has got to please if it is to exist, and the captain has to please the company. Some day he does this once too often. He collides with another ship in a fog, maybe, or runs on the rocks. Perhaps the natural love of life or the thought of a helpless family keeps him from deliberately going to the bottom with the ship, but he knows that his career is at an end.

"The board sits on the case, and if there is any evidence to show that the accident was due to the carelessness of the commander in running at full speed in thick weather, or whatever the case may be, he is reprimanded and his certificate suspended for some months at least. When at last he gets the certificate back, it has a hole punched in it.

"Now let us suppose that he has been a faithful servant of the company for a good while, and they like him and decide to transfer him to another ship and give him a chance for existence. This new ship has to be insured, of course, before she goes to sea. The underwriters make their examination and in the course of their inquiries there comes up the question as to who is the captain of the ship.

"When they hear the name, they will probably say: 'Why, let us see! Isn't he the man who sunk the So-and-so? Yes? Oh, we can't take any risks on a ship commanded by Captain Blank! Put another commander in his place and it will be all right.'

"The company is therefore obliged to dismiss Captain Blank. Then he starts out to find another situation. His certificate, you remember, has a hole in it. He goes to see the owners of another line. As soon as they hear his name they say:

"'Oh, yes. Didn't you command the So-and-so?'

"'Yes, I commanded that boat.'

"'Humph! Very sorry, captain, but we haven't anything just now. If we should have anything, we will let you know.'

"This scene is repeated at one steamship office after another on both sides of the water."

The captain leaned his elbows on the table. "Do you wonder," he said after a pause, "that generally when a liner is lost at sea her commander isn't among the saved? But mark my words," he added, rising, "in almost every disaster, when the cry of negligence is loudest, it's the public that's to blame and not the captain, who only does what he is obliged to do."—New York Sun.

Meant What He Said.

"Yes," said Mr. Jones, when a certain girl's name had been mentioned, "I know her to speak to, but not by sight."

"You mean," cut in the prompt corrector—"you mean that you know her by sight, but not to speak to."

"Do I?" asked Mr. Jones anxiously.

"Of course you do. You have seen her so often that you know who she is, but have never been introduced to her. Isn't that it?"

"No, that isn't it. I never saw her at all to know her, but I speak to her nearly every day."

"How can that be?"

"She is the telephone girl at central." Harper's Bazar.

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GUARDING AGAINST FRAUD.

How London Bankers Lessen the Chances For Embezzlement.

"Very few people know that there are a great and increasing number of firms in this country—banking firms especially—who make an inflexible rule that all employees, whether they be managerial heads or mere junior clerks, must take an annual holiday."

The speaker was one of the best known accountants in London, and he continued: "The reason is that all great employers now realize that most long continued cases of embezzlement and breach of trust are only, as a rule, discovered through the offender being compelled, through illness or some other cause, to leave his books for a time.

"Nearly all defaulting bank managers are trapped through their enforced absence, and thus it has begun to be the rule for employers to insist that servants who have the manipulation of books and money must go away. Hundreds of sets of books come into my hands and those of other accountants in this way, and I could tell you of many cases where two or more clerks, who could in their ordinary work play into each other's hands, are sent holiday making at the same time.

"Another fact of the same kind that is little known is that many employers make a rule of having their employees photographed very plainly in groups every year or two—on some occasion of festivity that is made the excuse—so that the firm always possess a valuable means of identification in case of any man absconding."—Pearson's Weekly.

AMERICA'S RAPHAEL.

A Picture Which, It Is Said, Has Yet to Be Discovered.

There is one picture in America which, for convenience's sake, may be designated "Fata Morgana." It is frequently alluded to and always in a tone of reverent admiration. When one is in New York one hears of it as in Boston. When one is in Boston one hears of it as either in New York or Philadelphia. If the quest be pursued in these cities the picture is said to be located in Baltimore and so forth. What is this mysterious work which would appear to be considered as the chief treasure of art in America? It is a wholly imaginary Raphael. I found the most rooted conviction in all so called "art circles" that America is the happy possessor not only of a Raphael, but of a superbly fine example of that master, and, as already indicated, the picture is not only alluded to with pride, but with an admiration that is akin to awe.

It is unfortunate that the picture does not exist, except in the fervent transatlantic imagination. In a word, there is no Raphael in America. Strangely enough, there are very few forgeries even, the one or two canvases with any approach to the manner of the great Italian master being so obviously imitative that no one with any adequate knowledge of his work could possibly be deceived. It is, however, a pleasant fiction, and enables patriotic Americans in Europe to enlarge upon the superb masterpieces oversea.—Nineteenth Century.

Woe to That Dressmaker!

You may talk about naval heroes and rough riders all you like, but for superhuman nerve and colossal daring commend me to a woman I saw in a dry goods shop here in town only last Monday morning. I had an excellent opportunity to observe her carefully, for she stood precisely where I desired to stand while she—well, this is what she did: She asked the salesman to show her a certain piece of red cashmere. Then she produced from her pocket the cut paper pattern of a child's dress and calmly pinned the pieces to the cloth.

The salesman stood politely by, thinking, if a salesman ever had time to think, that she desired to ascertain the quantity required for the garment she intended to make, but she didn't intend to make any garment at all. After she had pinned the whole pattern carefully in place, she took it off and rolled it up. There was a gleam of triumph in her eye.

"Thank you," she said. "That's all I wanted. I know it didn't take four yards. That dressmaker has just kept that extra yard and a half, that's what she's done."

But my, my! Think of a dressmaker reckless enough to try to deceive a woman like that!—Washington Post.

Caught.

A clergyman recently, addressing those who criticise others while they themselves are open to criticism, told this story: "When I was a boy, we had a schoolmaster who had odd ways of catching idle boys. Says he one day: 'Boys, I must have closer attention to books. The first one of you that sees another boy idle I want you to inform me and I will attend to the case.' 'Ah,' thought I to myself, 'there's Joe Simmons, that I don't like. I'll watch him, and if I see him look off his book I'll tell on him.'

"It was not long before I saw Joe look off his book, and immediately I informed the master. 'Indeed,' said he. 'How did you know he was idle?' 'I saw him,' was the reply. 'You did. And were your eyes on your book when you saw him?' I was caught, but I didn't watch for the boys again."—New York Tribune.

A Nautical Explanation.

In front of the Theater Royal at Oxford, England, are, or were, some gigantic stone figures, the age and object of which are buried in oblivion. Two sailors were going by and one of them asked, "Who are these fellows, Bill?"

"The 12 apostles," was the reply without a smile.

"Twelve apostles!" roared the incredulous Jack. "How can that be? There's only six of 'em."

"Well, y' swab," replied the learned Bill, "yer wouldn't have 'em all on deck at once, would ye?"—Leeds Mercury.

Still the Boss.

They had been chums during their schooldays, but had drifted apart. Years after they met again.

"What became of that auburn haired Jones girl that used to be the boss tennis player in our set?"

"I married her," replied the other.

"And does she still play tennis?" queried his friend.

"No" was the reply, and a look of sadness stole over his face, "but she's still the boss.."—Chicago News.

A MILLION MILLION.

How Long, Think You, Would It Take You to Count It?

Professor Wagstaff, whose very name suggests a pleasing first cousinship to Shakespeare, has lately been amusing himself and his audience at Gresham college by speculations as to what might have happened if the father of our human race had given up delving and taken to figures. Let us suppose that Adam had set himself to count a million million, or, in figures, 1,000,000,000,000. We will imagine that he could count three in a second, which, though not exactly rapid ciphering, will be found ample, if taken continuously. Now, if 6,000 years have elapsed since the gracious amenities of Eden formed the cradle of humanity, Adam would have been working for 189,216,000,000 seconds and have reached a total of 567,648,000,000 figures. In other words, his task of counting a million million would still have been unaccomplished by over four hundred thousand millions digits.

All of which goes to prove what? There are many possible conclusions. The first is, of course, that Professor Wagstaff is a very ingenious and by no means melancholy mathematician, but that hardly needed proof. A second deduction, which we advance with all humility, is that if Adam had only had habitual recourse to harmless dissipation of this arithmetical kind, instead of betraying marital weakness and a fondness for fruit, his descendants would have been very much better off morally and spiritually, though not perhaps in material comforts. And a third conclusion, eminently gratifying to those who refuse to believe that there is any serious discord between religion and science, is that Professor Wagstaff, no doubt a man of distinction in scientific attainments, accepts without any demur Bishop Ussher's chronology.

According to the divine, the world was created in 4004 B. C., and that added to the 1898 years which have elapsed since the Christian era makes in round numbers the 6,000 years on which the whole calculation depends. Some wayward "scientists" have dogmatically affirmed that the world has been wagging along a good many more centuries than Ussher supposed, although there is a serious difference, it is true, in this matter between the astronomers and the geologists. So, after all, perhaps if Adam had been reasonably industrious, he would have had time to accomplish his task, unless his brain had given way under the strain. Most of us have such vague ideas as to the meaning of large figures that it is as well to be reminded by so happy an illustration how many units go to the making of a million. The only other conceivable fashion in which such instruction could be acquired is to become a South African "boss" of mines and diamonds, and that process, much as we may desire it, is, fortunately or unfortunately, not open to the majority of us.—London Telegraph.

THE DOCTOR IN WAR.

Stands the Test of Courage Whenever Under Fire.

The London Lancet has an article about the bravery of surgeons under fire. The Lancet's article is about British surgeons. It applies in so far as its anecdotes go to them, but in its general terms and its comments it applies to all. We have never read of a surgeon quailing under fire or deserting his post in a panic, and what is a great deal more we have never heard of a surgeon quailing before a hospital or deserting his post, though yellow fever, smallpox, typhus or cholera threatened his life and surrounded him with its horrors. There are many well authenticated stories of the courage and devotion of our army doctors in the field and hospital. The latter is the much more trying to courage and fidelity.

The excitement of battle goes far to keep a man at his work, even should he be disinclined for it. The long dreary watches of the hospital, the hard and thankless round of duty, the hourly scenes of horror and possibly the discouraging absence of proper assistance and support from the administration of the army are what try a doctor's nerve and test his fortitude and patriotism. We do not know why they stand the test so well—better apparently, on an average, than those whose trade it is supposed to be to face death and danger. But the fact remains that they do, all honor to them!—San Francisco Report.

An Eye For the Near Future.

A woman summoned to see her dying husband who had met with a street accident showed every sign of grief. She threw herself on the floor and howled at the top of her voice as the man died. Three days afterward she arrived in the ward arrayed in the deepest widow's weeds.

"Please, I've come for pore Walter's clothes. The Lord took 'im, but I 'ope, please God, as I'll find another."—Cornhill Magazine.

Unveiling the Past.

"I wish now," shrieked the angry young wife, "I wish now, George Whackster, you had married Luce Jones instead of me! That's what I wish!"

"I would have married her," howled the equally angry young husband, "only she wouldn't have me and you would!"—Chicago Tribune.

The name California, derived from the two Spanish words caliente fornalli, i. e., "hot furnace," was given by Cortes in the year 1535 to the peninsula now known as Lower California, of which he was the discoverer, on account of its hot climate.

The sudden changes of climate encountered by soldiers when troops are moved from one quarter of the world to another are estimated as increasing the annual mortality of Europe by 50,000 men.

Millions Given Away.

It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering. The proprietors of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, have given away over ten million trial bottles of this great medicine; and have the satisfaction of knowing it has absolutely cured thousands of hopeless cases. Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all diseases of the Throat, Chest and Lungs are surely cured by it. Call on Dr. H. Vaughan Druggist, and get a trial bottle free. Regular size 50c. and $1. Every bottle guaranted, or price refunded.

THE ROYAL ACADEMY

FACTS ABOUT ENGLAND'S GREAT AND WEALTHY SOCIETY.

How the Members and Associates Are Elected—The Institution's Big Fund and the Good Works That Are Done With It.

To become a Royal academician, or at all events an associate, is the ambition of every young artist, for membership in the academy means much more than the mere right to put the letters R. A. after one's name and to exhibit pictures in the fine galleries at Burlington House. In the first place, an academician is an esquire by right and not merely by courtesy, and, further, he is entitled, should he ever come on hard times, to a substantial pension of between £350 and £400 a year. If he dies leaving his widow unprovided for, the academy allows her a liberal sum for her maintenance.

The associates and the associates' widows are also entitled to pensions on a somewhat smaller scale, so that there are many reasons apart from the honor and glory why the painter, sculptor or architect should wish to become a member of the powerful and wealthy body.

When therefore a young artist begins to get on, when he has his pictures well hung year after year, when they find ready buyers and are talked about in society, he takes the first step toward election by suggesting to one of the academicians that he should put his name down on the list of candidates. Once down his name stays on the list, either until he dies or is elected or voluntarily removes it, and this explains why one finds on the roll of candidates the names of many artists once popular, but long since forgotten by the public.

When a vacancy occurs among the associates, printed copies of this list on blue foolscap paper are sent to all the members, together with a request that they shall attend at the academy on a certain evening, when an election will take place. The elections themselves are conducted in a singular and somewhat complex fashion peculiar to the academy—a method which took the place about 20 years ago of the rough and ready system formerly in vogue.

Both academicians and associates are allowed to take part in the election, and when the members are gathered together each scores out with a pencil the name of the artist for whom he wishes to vote and hands the paper so marked to the secretary. These scorings out are known as "scratches" at the academy, and the secretary, after examining all the papers, duly announces how many "scratches" have been given to each candidate.

The election is then advanced another stage. The president, who, by virtue of his office, occupies the chair, directs that the names of all those candidates who have received more than four "scratches" shall be inscribed in chalk upon the blackboard, while those to whom only one, two or three votes have been given have no further chance of being elected.

The academicians and associates then vote again for the candidates whose names are on the board. The two leading men in this contest are now selected for a final ballot, the winner in which becomes an associate of the Royal academy.

The academicians are elected in precisely the same manner, except that the associates are the candidates instead of the outsiders. All this system of "scratches" and "blackboards" seems cumbrous and unnecessary, but it is said to work extremely well in practice.

Sometimes, though very rarely, a tie occurs, and in this case the president, or, in his absence, the academician who temporarily takes his place, has a casting vote. When Mr. Ernest Crofts, the battle painter, was elected, he tied in the final ballot with Mr. Jackson, the architect, and to Mr. Calderon (who in the absence of the late Sir John Millais occupied the chair) fell the difficult task of making the final selection.

The associates have no voice in the election of a president, the power of voting resting entirely with the academicians. Sir John Millais, the late president, was elected by the unanimous vote of the members, a fact which must have been extremely gratifying to that great artist. But on some other occasions the fight for the presidentship has been very severe indeed.

The post is well worth a struggle, for it carries with it substantial remuneration, besides great social and artistic distinction. The late Sir Francis Chantrey left £100,000 to the academy, out of the interest of which a salary of some £800 or £900 a year is provided for the president.

The academy is immensely wealthy. The receipts from the annual exhibitions average from £20,000 to £25,000, and it is believed that the money invested in the hands of the trustees does not fall far short of £500,000. Out of this money the schools (in which 200 or 300 students are instructed gratuitously) are supported and a great many pensions and donations to decayed artists are given. Little is heard of these charities by the public, but they are very considerable, and the declining years of many old painters and sculptors are made easier by them.

Upon the academy also falls the expense of the annual banquet, which costs perhaps £400 or £500, besides any number of minor charges, as, for example, the payment of the selecting and hanging committees at the spring exhibition.—Pearson's Weekly.

A Brute.

Mrs. Greene—I hear that Sarah Junson is going to get a divorce from her husband.

Mrs. Brown—Yes, and I don't blame her one mite. He's a monster. Would you believe it, he actually used one of her golf sticks for a poker the other morning!—Boston Transcript.

WHY?

Why is it that a free lunch is never free?

Why isn't asking a man's name a question of identity?

Why isn't the bride well dressed who is well groomed?

Why shouldn't a man be excused for being bigoted against bigotry?

Why isn't the bump of caution placed on the front of a man's head?

Why does the average woman prefer being idealized to being understood?

Why does the man who pats you on the back always turn his own back to be patted?

QUITE INFORMAL.

Lincoln's Reception of the Notification Committee.

In the "Biography of Charles Carleton Coffin" is his own account of accompanying the committee to the home of Mr. Lincoln in Springfield, Ills., to notify him of his nomination for president. They reached Springfield early in the evening, and after supper at the hotel made their call on Lincoln. It was not to be a very formal interview.

Lincoln stood in the parlor, dressed in a black frock coat. The announcement was made, and his reply seemed brief. He was evidently much constrained, but as soon as the last word had been spoken he turned to Mr. Kelley of Pennsylvania, the chairman of the committee, and said: "Judge, you are a pretty tall man. How tall are you?"

"Six feet two."

"I beat you! I am 6 feet 3 without my high heeled boots."

"Pennsylvania bows to Illinois, where, we have been told, there were only little giants," said Kelley.

This was an allusion to Douglas, who had been called the "Little Giant."

One by one the members of the committee were introduced to Lincoln, and when the handshaking was over he said:

"Gentlemen, Mrs. Lincoln will be pleased to see you in the adjoining room, where you will find some refreshments."

There Mrs. Lincoln met them pleasantly, but the only visible sign of refreshments was a white earthen pitcher filled with ice water. This was possibly Mr. Lincoln's little joke, for it was afterward ascertained that his Republican neighbors had offered to furnish wines and liquors, which he refused to have in his house, and that his Democratic friends had sent round baskets of champagne, which were also declined.

CHIMNEYS KNOCKED OUT.

Machine Shops Can Be Run More Economically Without Them.

A few years ago the building of a machine shop without a chimney would have been looked upon as the act of an idiot. Now it may be the wisest thing a builder can do, for the large fan which is taking the place of the chimney costs a great deal less than the lofty stack, and does its work much better. Besides this there is a great saving in fuel.

In one plant where this experiment was tried there were three boilers, aggregating 260 horsepower, and directly above them was mounted a fan connected direct with a 5 by 4 double cylinder engine. The wheel of the fan was 54 inches in diameter, and as it could be run at any speed, it provided a draft quite independent of the fire. It was possible to use a much cheaper grade of coal and the saving thus effected was quite appreciable.

For instance, with the ordinary form of chimney the shop would use 1,624 tons of Cumberland coal, at $3.65, aggregating $5,929 a year. Using the blower, a mixture of Cumberland coal and yard screenings, half and half, would suffice. This, at $2.85½, would amount to $4,995, showing a difference of $934. The cost of operating the fan was placed at $183 per annum, so that the net gain was $751, a sum greater than the entire cost of the mechanical draft apparatus.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Not Superstitious.

"Whose umbrella is that?" yelled the conductor as he entered the smoking car of a suburban train.

The timid little man started and was preparing to apologize for owning the cause of the trouble when the conductor again yelled almost in the same breath, "Put it down!"

The timid little man grasped the dripping umbrella, which he had spread in order to allow it the quicker to dry, and as he closed it with nervous haste the conductor continued:

"Don't you know enough not to open an umbrella in a house—in a car, I mean? Do you want to hoodoo this train? Well, it's mighty lucky you didn't run across a conductor that was superstitious, with that umbrella, or he might have put you off."

The timid little man stowed the dripping umbrella under the seat, watched the conductor punch his ticket, replaced it in a pocket where he wouldn't think to look for it in the morning and breathed a sigh of relief as the car door slammed after the presiding genius of the train.—Chicago Journal.

Time Enough to Beller.

One day Billy, that's my brother, he and Sammy Doppy was playin by a mudhole, and Billy he said:

"Now, Sammy, le's play we was a barnyard. You be the pig and lie down and woller, and I'll be a bull and beller like everything."

So they got down on their hands and knees, and Sammy he got in the mud and wollered, while Billy bellered like distant thunder. Bimeby Sammy he cum out muddy—you never see such a muddy little feller—and he said, "Now you be the pig, and let me beller." But Billy said, "I ain't a very good pig 'fore dinner, and it'll be time 'nuff for you to beller when yer mother sees yer close."—Scrap Book.

Played It on the Judge.

Counsel for the plaintiff in a certain case made use during an argument of the word "brougham."

"Excuse my interrupting you, Mr. Brief," said the judge, "but in the society in which I am accustomed to move we pronounce the word 'broom,' and so save a syllable."

During his summing up the judge had occasion to use the word "omnibus."

"Excuse me, m'lud," broke in counsel, "but in the society in which I am accustomed to move we pronounce that word 'bus,' and so save two syllables."—London Answers.

He Wasn't Afraid.

Little Tommy and his younger sister were going to bed without a light. They had just reached the bottom of the stairs, when Tommy, after vainly endeavoring to pierce the darkness, turned round and asked:

"Ma, is it polite for a gentleman to to precede a lady when they have to walk in single file?"

"No, my son," replied the mother, "the lady should always take the lead."

"I thought so," said Tommy delightedly; "go ahead Sue."—Pearson's Weekly.

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These who are swift with pity
On the field where brave men fall.

When the battle boom is silent
And the echoing thunder dies,
They haste to the plain red sodden
With the blood of sacrifice.

The flag that floats above them
Is marked with a crimson sign,
Pledge of a great compassion
And the rifted heart divine

That once for man's redemption
Knew earth's completest loss—
These to the field of valor
Bring love's immortal cross.

And so they follow the bugle
And heed the drumbeat's call,
But their errand is one of pity—
They succor the men who fall.
—Harper's Bazar.

TOO SURE OF HER MAN.

He Came to Tell Her Important News, but She Beat Him Off.

"There's no use of your saying a word!" exclaimed the woman of the house as soon as she had opened the door and glanced at the man standing outside. "I know you."

"But, ma'am"—

"I recognized you as soon as I saw you. You can't"—

"Ma'am"—

"You're the man who sold me a washing machine six months ago for $6.50 that wasn't worth shucks. It wouldn't"—

"All I wanted to tell you, ma'am, is"—

"It wouldn't wash anything. The longer you used it the dirtier the clothes got. You couldn't sell me anything now if you was to pay me for taking it. When a man fools me once, he won't ever have the chance to do it again. I can tell you that. I'll sell that washing machine back to you for 50 cents. It doesn't make any difference what you've got this time. I wouldn't touch it with a ten foot pole, and you can talk until you are gray. It won't do any good."

"Madam," yelled the man, who had been dancing about impatiently, "your kitchen roof is blazing where that iron stovepipe runs up through it! That's what I stopped to"—

"Good land! Why didn't you say so? What did you want to stand there talking for when the house is burning up? Run over to that grocery store on the corner and turn in an alarm! Fire! Fire!"—Chicago Tribune.

The Stage In Shakespeare's Time.

John Churton Collins, the distinguished essayist and Quarterly Reviewer, has been lecturing on the theater of Shakespeare's time. The typical theater then was of wood, circular or hexagonal in form, being modeled externally on the general structure of the old amphitheaters for bull and bear baiting. The interior was fashioned after the manner of an inn yard. The pit was scorched by the sun, while the actors were protected by a thatched penthouse. The scenery was supplied by the imagination of the audience, but what was lacking in scenery was made up in noise and bustle, things being kept very lively in that direction. The most numerous class among the audience were roistering prentices.

On the stage and in other parts were fashionable dandies, swashbucklers, writers and actors. These, it is interesting to know, always had a free pass. The play lasted two hours on an average, and, considering the noise and the smells which accompanied the performance, one was, Mr. Collins presumed, not sorry when "the actors dropped on their knees to pray for the queen."

The Cheetul.

The axis, or cheetul, deer of the Indian jungle can claim to be the most ornamental of all the 36 races of deer to be seen gathered together at Woburn. In the early summer, when all the other deer except the wapiti are either shedding their horns or "in the velvet," the axis are in perfection, both of color and antlers. The large herd of this species looks as if carved out of ivory and red gold in the sunshine and verdure of English scenery. Their horns are almost white, their eyes and muzzles of jet black, their throats white and their backs and sides a brilliant golden tan, spotted with round dots of purest white. It is worth a pilgrimage to Woburn to see these deer alone. They breed constantly, sometimes producing two fawns in the twelvemonth.—Spectator.

Welcoming Fresh Cares.

"As far as fresh cares are concerned," said a man of mature years, "as I grow older I rather welcome them. They blot out the old cares completely and so show how unsubstantial they were, and I know that in due course these new cares will be supplanted by others and will as completely give way to them. Thus I am constantly reminded that our cares really don't amount to much, except as we imagine them great, and I expect to see the day when I shall give but scanty room to them and not be disturbed by them at all."—New York Sun.

Blind Reading.

By a system of numeral type invented by Rev. W. H. Murray of Peking, originally a Scotch workman, the blind people of China are now taught to read and write in less than three months, and this in spite of the fact that there are 408 distinct sounds in the Chinese language. By a special adaptation of this system the blind are now actually teaching sighted pupils to read.

In some of the European art galleries the dust is removed from the paintings and statuary by means of an air pump, a jet of air being thrown with great force against the article which needs dusting.

King is the most ancient of titles. It, or its equivalent, is found in every known language.

Rats avoid a house wherein a guinea pig is permitted to roam at will.

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CURRENT EVENTS.

Ten natives of Ohio will be in the next Senate—Foraker, Hanna, Baker, Carter, Allen, Kyle, Elkins, Fairbank, Turple and Allison.

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By a verdict recently rendered a Buffalo jury established the legal precedent that is an actionable affair for one woman to say that another woman owed the perfection of her figure to padding. That is just what the Buffalo woman did say with reference to a sister citizen, and the sister citizen promptly sued the defamer. She sued her for $10,000, which seems like a heavy price for a few words lightly spoken. The jury apparently thought so, too, for they cut the award down to $45. But it establishes a precedent that spiteful women must heed.

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The war department has issued a statement showing that up to the end of August the army of the United States had lost 2,624 men by death. The number killed in battle was 278. Of the wounded 91 died of their injuries. Thirty men were killed by accidents. The rest, 2,225, perished by disease. Since the beginning of September about 500 more deaths have taken place, as nearly as can be ascertained. That makes a total of about 3100. In ordinary civil life the number of deaths in the same number of men, during the period since war began, would have been about 400. Therefore, the cost of the Spanish war, in American lives, has been about 2,700 men. The list is steadily growing. It will undoubtedly exceed 4,000 before the military establishment of the nation can be placed on a peace footing. Possibly 5,000 soldiers must be sacrificed.

SOME CHRISTMAS DONTS.

Don't put off till tomorrow what you can do to day, for the last few days before Christmas bring their own interests and things bought in a hurry are never satisfactory.

Don't give a book to a young girl or boy just because you think they should be fond of reading.

Don't be ashamed to give with all your heart the little things you can afford rather than with anxiety bestow the dear ones that exhaust your purse.

Don't shop with wrinkled forehead and a careworn face as if the giving of gifts was an intolerable bore.

Don't give only where you expect a return or wonder whether you will be supposed to buy something for A B or C. The spirit of Christmas lies in the loving and the giving—never in the receiving.

Don't think of yourself at all, if you can help it just now, but study your family and friends from their point of view and then plan your Christmas treat accordingly. A little thing that one wants is worth a dozen that we do not wish for.

Don't rush in and out of the stores as if St. Nicholas was a foul fiend and was after you; if looking and choosing and buying is not a joy go home and refuse to spend one hour upon it until its normal pleasure back again.

Dont forget that Christmas is emphatically the children's high festival and that they have the right to be wholly glad, once a year.

Don't fuss, don't hurry, don't worry, don't fret. Christmas has come and gone many times and will come and go again. Don't do one single thing, then for at least two weeks that will jar you into forgetting that it was the birthday peace and good will.

Don't neglect to make some worthy poor family happy — especially the children—with good gifts.

Bad as Boston.

The cyclist was a stranger in literary Fleet street. That was evident from the cautions manner in which he picked his way through the half-empty thoroughfare. It was evening. The penny-a-liner approached him.

"Sir," said he, "your beacon has ceased its functions."

"Sir!" gasped the cyclist.

"Your illuminator, I say is shrouded in unmitigated oblivion."

"Really! but I don't quite——"

"The effulgence of your irradiator has evanesced."

"My dear fellow! I——"

"The transversal ether oscillations in your incandenser have been discontinued."

Just then an unsophisticated little paper boy shouted across the street:

"Hey, mister, yer lamp's out!"—[Tid-Bits.

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CAN YOU TALK.

"Was not the TRANSCRIPT a little severe on the ladies in its comments last week upon the movements upon the stage of the entertainers who appeared before the Institute?" inquired an up-to-date "school marm", "and was there nothing to say of the men upon the platform?" No severity was intended. The criticism was just. It was for the benefit of others who if they do not appear upon public platforms they do walk the streets and to walk well is an accomplishment worthy the thought of any one.

Yes, there was at least one man who "spoke in public on the stage" during the Institute who should be severely criticised. The subject matter of his talks was timely, the language was choice, but he "talks not through his hat" but through his nose. This is abominable. Unless there is an irremediable physical defect it is unpardonable. The nose has other uses that as an organ of speech. All have heard the nasal speaker who uses his nostrils to give a twang to his words. And the more the probosis is brought into play as a sound modifier the more the average possessor of such abominable tones imagines that he talks well. We believe such manner of speech is largely the fault of early training, and, if so, the parent and teacher should correct the defect early. It may take 'line upon line", warning upon warning, but the persistency to remedy should be as faithful as the fault is objectionable. Does a man talk who sounds his words through his nose? His speech is more of a whine and almost any sound is preferable to the whine.

Is the fair inquirer who suggested by her inquiry that the TRANSCRIPT was partial in its comments, satisfied with the criticism upon the representative of the sterner sex? We hope so and we hope she will insist that her pupils learn both to talk and to walk---to walk gracefully and to talk naturally.

After the Dover Crowd.

From present indications as set forth in the Delawarean there is going to be some very interesting times in the Democratic party before long. The Democratic newspapers in the lower part of the State are fighting each other over the cause for the defeat in the last election, and some very unpleasant remarks are being made.

It is believed that there is an effort being made on the part of some of the Democrats to weed out the Dover leaders and to get in new men, but the difficulty appears to be that there is no new man who is any better politically than the ones who are now in control. Neither have the new men any more political ability than the ones who are to be deposed, and so the Democrats are in trouble.—Exchange.

The statement is yet being frequently made that the public schools of Delaware are maintained by the license fees received from the sale of liquor. This is no longer the case under the new school law. Formerly it was true, but now all of the receipts of the State go into the general fund and the Legislature appropriates $100,000 a year from the general fund for the school fund. The amount is about the same but the law is entirely different.—Exchange.

If we are not mistaken, and we are confident we are not, the fixed appropriation to the schools is a requirement of the new constitution, a minimum sum being named. Much of the credit for this belongs to Prof. Spade, principal of the DuPonts schools, he having been before the Constitutional Convention several times in that interest. The naming of a fixed amount is better we think than the receipts from license, a changeable sum yearly. We never felt the objection against the liquor licenses going into the school fund where they now go indirectly, but have always taken great credit to the Republican General Assembly of 1889 which did something—nearly doubled the State appropriation to the public schools and made free books possible.

USING REPUBLICAN—PROTECTIVE—PATERNAL TACTICS! WHAT BAD, BAD DEMOCRATS!

The Alabama Legislature has just passed a bill exempting from taxation for a period of ten years all manufacturing establishments planted in that State during the next five years. The friends of the bill predict that it will have a great deal of weight with investors seeking a place for new manufacturing enterprises.—Democratic Exchange.

DISTRICT Attorney L. C. Vandegrift certainly merits the commendation of Delawareans generally for the able and fearless and impartial manner in which he has conducted the case now in the Federal Court against Senater R. R. Kenney. While partisans have termed the trial a persecution instead of a prosecution because of the skill in conducting the case the ever-ready District Attorney has always quietly replied, when he said anything, "I am but doing my duty". Duty is not so easy of performance when possible personal preference or selfish interests, or party associations are considered, as men of affairs can testify. Lou Vandegrift, as his intimate friends call him, has done himself great credit in every way and St. Georges hundred, the home of his early years, is proud of him. All this is said without prejudice to the guilt or innocence of the indicted.

Unclaimed Letters.

A list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Middletown post office which can be had by saying they are advertised: Joseph Davis, (card,) Mrs. E. Forsythe, Daniel Postley, Harry P. Shapley, Mary Showeel, Stella Sylvester, (care Martin Tush,) Dr. R. B. Thomas, Lidie Taylor, Han Waters.

KENT COUNTY.

(For other items under this heading turn to outside pages.)

Benjamin Cook, of Woodside, killed a hog Saturday that weighed 800 pounds dressed.

Mrs. Emily Simpson, widow of John Simpson, died in Felton on December 7th. She was a sister of the late Dr. Samuel Creadick, of Philadelphia, and was born December 25th, 1825.

The eel industry is booming up at Bowers's Beach at present, hundreds of these limber fish are caught weekly by the fishermen at that place, and shipped to the city. They are in demand and bring fair prices.

S. H. Derby, one of the most successful fruit growers of thissection, has been retailing some fine, home grown apples in Dover this week. The prices ranged from sixty to eighty cents per basket. Mr. Derby is a firm believer in the spraying of trees.

On December 6th, Alfred Jones, a farmer, living west of Dover, while driving through Canterbury with a fine animal, and from some unknown cause it dropped dead. He was driving along and the horse showed no signs of sickness whatever until it was dead.

Levi Satterfield who resides at Willow Grove while riding over a bridge last Monday afternoon met with an accident. His horse stepped into a hole throwing him off and the horse rolling over on him breaking his wrist bone into five parts. Dr. Roberts was called in to attend him.

C. W. Lord on Sunday night last, met with an accident that he will not forget soon. He was driving from Milford to Camden, when near Little Heaven an obstacle struck his horse's breast and knocked the animal down. Upon investigation Mr. Lord discovered that a negro had been riding fast down the road without a lantern and had come in contact with Mr. Lord's horse, thus causing a collision. The negro's bicycle was demolished and his head was laid open, caused by the shaft striking the ebony hued individual on the head.

The constitution has made it necessary that a general assessment be made by the assessors recently elected in Kent county and the work has to be completed before January 1st next. This is news—surprising news—to many of the assessors, who have but a very brief time to complete the work. Should any man fail to make the asessment, the Levy Court has the power to appoint some one in place of the man chosen by the people. Benj. H. Ross, who was elected assessor for Duck Creek Hundred (the first Republican we think who has been elected to this office here) has been over the Hundred, assisted by John S. Griffin and has his assessment about completed He was fortunate in getting at work early and having it finished in the specified time.—Ex.

When David C. Robinson, residing on the Ashcraft farm, near the "Alley Mills,' three miles west of Clayton, came down stairs at five o'clock Friday morning, he found the fodder of the cow shed afire with a brisk wind carrying the flames in the direction of the farm buildings and dwelling; all of which were subsequently burned including his crop of corn and wheat saved for bread. By the dilligence of Mr. Robinson, his boys, and neighbors, the stock except one calf, was gotten out of the buildings, as was almost of the farm implements and the furniture from the dwelling. Mr. Robinson had no insurance on his corn, fodder, etc., and the loss falls heavily on him, but his family is well cared for by his neighbors. The Ashcraft heirs had an insurance on the buildings, effected sometime ago in the Cantwell Insurance Co., (Odessa) but the amount is not known at this writing. The loss is stated between $3,500 and $5,000.—Smyrna Times.

DELAWARE CITY.

Mrs. Joseph Vanhekle, of Camden, N. J., visited relatives in town during the past week and this.

Miss Cora Dunlap has returned from a protracted visit to friends in Philadelphia.

Miss Mabel Thomas, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. F. D. Dunlap.

Presiding Elder Watt preached in the M. E. Church on Sunday.

A hospital is in process of erection at the Battery Camp.

Misses Mary and Maggie Corbit were home on Monday to attend the funeral of their niece, Mary Corbit.

Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Beck were in Philadelphia this week.

Miss Annie Schunder made a brief visit to the Quaker City this week.

Miss Annie Beck is visiting in Philadelphia.

The "Daughters of the King" met at the rectory Wednesday evening.

Rev. Arthur F. Lewis has appointed Wednesday evening for the meeting of persons desirous of joining a Bible class.

Mrs. M. A. Homan is gradually growing weaker.

Mrs. Harry Hyland, Mrs. Ida Creed, Mrs. O. B. Wingate were among the many visitors to Philadelphia this week.

Mr. John R. Swan is home.

Miss Louise Everett has returned from West Point.

Mrs. Thompson, of Bridgeport, Conn., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Lewis.

Rev. Arthur F. Lewis spent Wednesday in Wilmington.

Skating is the order of the day (and night) on the basin.

Some of our landlords have raised their rents for the coming year. It is presumed on account of increased taxation.

The Philadelphia Ledger of the 9th inst. gives the following item which will prove interesting to our town readers who do not read the Ledger and who remember Mr. Price as the pastor of the M. E. Church here, serving twice in that capacity:

ELKTON, Dec. 8th.—Rev. Benjamin F. Price, the oldest minister in point of active service in the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Conference, yesterday celebrated his 83d birthday. Mr. Price still enjoys fairly good health. Last evening he delivered a lecture in the Methodist Episcopal Church, before a large audience, on "When I Was A Boy." Mr. Price is a native of Delaware. For over sixty years he was in active service in the ministry, and has been stationed in all parts of Maryland and Delaware and some parts of Pennsylvania. He retired from active ministry about two years ago and located in Elkton.

"Scarlet fever left me with a catarrhal trouble. I also had an abscess on my neck, which was lanced. I received only temporary relief until I began taking Hoods Sarsaparilla which permanently cured me. My husband has taken Hood's with good results." Mrs. A. H. Conyne, P. O. Box 128, Rartan, N. J.

Hood's Pills cure all liver ills. Easy to take, easy to operate; reliable, sure. 25c.

MY MARYLAND.

When Dr. Barber's term expires next month, Talbot county will be without a representative in Congress for the first time in fourteen years.

Mrs. Mary Pippin, relict of the late John D. Pippin, died at her home, near Oakland, Caroline County, Monday morning at 7 o'clock, in her 89th year of age. She had been in feeble health for some time and her demise was not a surprise to her relatives and friends.

Frank Cooper, youngest son of Mr. George Cooper, near Greensboro, met with the misfortune, last Saturday morning, of losing his left eye by a stray shot from the gun of his associate, Herman Dill, while hunting birds. They had flushed a covey of partridges which they followed to a nearby wood, where was a dense undergrowth. Dill scared up a bird which flew in the direction of Cooper, who was covered from sight by the bushes. Not knowing his companion's position, Dill fired with the above result. No harm was done except by the one shot, which penetrated the ball of the eye. The father took his son to a Philadelphia hospital the day of the accident.

CURRENT EVENTS.

(For other items under this heading turn to outside pages.)

A law passed by the Vermont Legislature requires that wagons to carry three tons should have wheels with a three inch tire, over three tons four inch, and over six tons, six inches.

Gideon W. Marsh, the ex-president of the defunct Keystone Bank of Philadelphia, who recently returned and gave himself up after seven years absence, confessing his guilt, was sentenced Tuesday by Judge Butler to 12 years and 3 months in the Eastern Penitentiary.

Col. Wm J. Bryan, late candidate for president, has at last carried into execution his long desire to leave army life and re-enter politics. Some papers are inclined to poke fun at the Colonel, nevertheless he still has a large following, although he can never be elected president.

William Steele, the former cashier of the Chestnut Street National Bank of Philadelphia, indicted for "aiding and abetting the late William M. Singerly, president of the Bank, in misapplying the funds of that institution, and making false entries and reports," was on Monday found guilty of the charges. Sentence was deferred.

The new torpedo boat destroyer Farragut, which failed on her first trial at San Francisco to develop the required speed of 30 knots per hour, easily made 30.1 knots on a second attempt, and returned to her dock 32-knot clip, or better than 36 statue miles per hour. This is almost an unequaled record, and far in advance of any rate of speed hitherto achieved by any vessel in the American navy.

The Secretary of the Interior states in his report that the number of students at college in the United States is now 1,216 to the million of population, against 590 in 1872. Pupils in public schools have increased from 7,561,532 in 1871 to 14,652,422 in 1897. Expenditure on such schools in 1897 was $187,320,602, or $2.62 per capita of population and $18.57 per pupil. The number of pupils in private schools in 1897 was 1,510,000, against 1,150,009 in 1871.

General Calixto Gabcia, the distinguished Cuban warrior and leader, and head of the commission elected by the Cuban Assembly to visit this country, died in Washington Sunday morning shortly after ten o'clock at the Hotel Raleigh, where the commision has its headquarters. The sudden change from the warm climate of Cuba, with the hardships he had there endured, added to the wintry weather of New York and Washington, is responsible, for the pneumonia which resulted in his demise.

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has caused the postponement of the trial of United States Senator Quay, until after District Attorney Graham's term expires. Two members of the Supreme Court, Justice Henry W. Williams of Wellsboro, and Justice Henry Green of Easton, signed an order issued Saturday to stay all further proceedings until January 7 next. Both justices were in the city on Friday and left for their homes. The order grants a rule to show cause why a writ of certiorari should not issue to take the entire record of the indictments up to the higher court for review. The rule is made returnable on January 7, four days after the Legislature assembles, and directs a cessation of the trial until that time. This places it beyond expiration of District Attorney Graham's term of office.

The treaty of peace was signed by the American and Spanish Commissioners in Paris, Saturday evening. It consists of seventeen articles. Each copy contained the English and Spanish texts in parallel columns. The documents were tied with the Spanish and American colors, and were sealed with the French tricolor, as a compliment to the French hosts of the Commissions.

It provides that Cuba is to be relinquished, and that Porto Rico and the Philippines are to be ceded. The Americans are to pay for the repatriation of the Spanish troops from all the colonies. The Spaniards are to return all prisoners held by them. They are to retain possession of all military stores and munitions of war in the Philippines, and of such ships as have not been captured. The commercial treaties are to be renewed at the convenience of the two nations. The protocol makes nearly 600 typewritten pages.

ODESSA NOTES.

Mumps are keeping a great many of the children home from school. There are a great many cases of grip also.

Mrs. Elizabeth Morris returned from Wilmington Saturday.

Dr. Malcome Councell was the guest of Dr. Dure, of Philadelphia, on Monday.

Dr. Lewis, a school friend of Dr. Councill, was his guest over Sunday.

Miss Martha Townsend spent several days of this week with Wilmington friends.

Miss Bessie Wiliams returned Thursday from a visit to Pennsylvania relatives.

Mr. Delaware Davis returned Wednesday from Sussex County where he has been the guest of Mr. Lot Davis.

Mr. Elwood A. Test spent Tuesday in Philadelphia and Mr. Frank Davis was there Wednesday.

A number of Odessa's citizens were summoned to appear as witnesses in the case against Jim Butcher held in Middletown Sunday morning. Mr. Charles Lloyd, Mr. Al. Stevens, Mr. John Smith, Mr. James Lippincott and Augustine Moore were witnesses in a law suit in New York on Wednesday.

WANAMAKER'S.

Philadelphia, Monday, December 12, 1898.

Store open evenings from Dec. 15th to Dec. 23d—and it is a veritable fairy land.

Men Laugh at Their Wives About Bargains

But what is business life but a hunt for bargains? Does it make any difference whether the amount involved is large or small? (Some people think the Philippines are a bargain at twenty millions.) We have raised the idea of a bargain at our store without lowering that of the most elevated legitimate transaction. As for that matter, there is not an article on our shelves that can not be bought at a price which, compared with what would be demanded for it at some other places, might be ridiculed as a bargain. But let those laugh who win.

The Best Kid Gloves of All for Men and Women

There is need for several qualities of gloves, as for different grades of muslins. Nobody under-rates Fruit of the Loom when for occasion New York Mills is preferred.

Kid Gloves—"Princess May," for misses and women, at $1. So good that even French sellers want them. "Royale," for men and women, boys and girls, $1.50.

And now the "Victoria," finest of all—glace and suede for women; glace for men. The price $2.

The three makes exclusively ours—chosen for merit, which is notable in coloring, fit and wear. Yes, indeed, after twenty years of trying we have caught up to Paris in glove selling—despite tariff fences and other handicaps. Our guarantee; better still, perfect satisfaction.

Holiday Black Goods

No risk of the color being unsuitable when buying a black dress goods pattern for a gift. Black is acceptable in every wardrobe and never more widely worn than this season. Staple, substantial and beautiful as are these Black Dress Goods, prices are now quite unusual. A word of some patterns ready for giving—

For $1.96—Seven-yard dress pattern of all-wool Serge, 38 in. wide. If bought at last month's price it would cost $2.63.

For $2.25—Six-yard dress pattern of all-wool Serge, 45 in. wide. $3 value.

For $2.63—Seven-yard dress pattern of all-wool Cheviot, 42 in. wide. A good weighty fabric. Last month's price, $3.50.

For $3.15—Seven-yard dress pattern of all-wool Storm Serge, 42 in. wide. Its gift value, $4.20.

For $5.25—Seven-yard dress pattern of Mohair-and-wool figured goods. A very unusual and tempting price. Its real value, $8.75.

Holiday Umbrellas for Women

Such a show of pretty umbrellas! A wonderful gathering there needs be to supply the givers of these thoughtful holiday presents. This hint of the pretty sorts for women—the 26 inch size.

At $2.50—Silk Umbrellas, with Dresden or agate ball handles; ivory, horn or pearl hooks or silver capped handles.

At $3.75—Silk Umbrellas with silver trimmed natural sticks or pearl handles; plain or silver-trimmed buckhorns or ivory or silver-capped handles.

At $5—Silk Umbrellas, with pearl or ivory hook or straight handles, natural sticks or buckhorns, all silver-trimmed; also dogs' heads and silver-capped handles. A fine variety to pick from.

Holiday Linens

A linen table set is a most acceptable gift in any home. A most admirable gathering of damask sets is here to choose from; these and others—

At $4 a set—A bleached damask table cloth of splendid quality, not fringed; 70x90 inches, and a dozen good-sized napkins to match.

At $5 a set—A fine bleached damask table cloth, size 2x2½ yards, with knotted fringe and open-work border, and one dozen doilies to match.

At $5.75 a set—A fine bleached double damask table cloth, size 2x2½ yards, and one dozen good-sized napkins to match.

At $6.50 a set—A bleached damask table cloth, 64x88 inches; hemstitched on all sides, and one dozen napkins to match.

TOWELS IN BOXES—

An always acceptable gift—

At 90c a box—Six bleached knotted fringed damask Towels, with pretty borders.

At $1.50 a box—Six fine bleached damask Towels, large size, with knotted fringe and dainty colored borders.

At $2 a box—Four handsome all-white damask Towels, with hemstitched ends and fancy open-work.

FANCY LINENS

At 25c each—German damask Carving Cloths, neatly hemstitched.

At 50c each—Carving Cloths of plain Irish linen, neatly hemstitched.

At $1 and $2 each—Bleached damask Tea Cloths of first-rate quality, one yard square, and hemstitched all around.

PILLOW SHAMS—

At $1 a pair—Good quality Pillow Shams of bleached Irish linen; they are hemstitched and have pretty open-worked corners.

At $2 a pair—Handsome hemstitched Irish linen Pillow Shams, beautifully hand-embroidered.

SIDEBOARD SCARFS—

Bleached momie linen Scarfs, with hemstitched ends; good and good-looking. Two sizes—16x50 in., 25c each 16x70 in., 35c each.

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Notice—upon a moderate purchase we **pay your railroad fare**

Notice—**we test cloth before using it** in clothing. When we say all-wool, it's not a dealer's guess; it's a maker's knowledge.

Notice—we stand good for the hidden linings and sewing just as we do for the cloth.

Notice—**you're absolutely sure of lowest price** for equal quality.

Notice—Your money back if you'd rather have it than the goods.

Women's and Girls' wear added a year ago

We're just as responsible, our guarantee goes as strongly in these new goods. The money back if you're dissatisfied with your purchase.

The genuineness, quality, just price of Furs—trust us.

The fashion and quality of Cloaks, Jackets, Suits—trust us.

Every garment—Women's, Mens', Boys', Girls'—is just as low in price as good quality and work can be got.

Special lots of Men's Overcoats and Suits—nearly one-fourth under former prices. Thousands of Men's Suits, $5 to $34, Overcoats, $5 to $45. Boys' Suits and Topcoats, $3.50 up. Women's Tailor-made Suits, $8.75, $10, $12. Jackets, $6.50, $10, $16.50. Fur Scarfs, $3.75, $5, $6.50, $10, $15. Capes, $14.75, $16.50, $19.75.

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Holiday and Staple Goods

The economy of our method of doing business has never been better demonstrated than in our present offering of these immense stocks of Holiday Merchandise and staple goods, which we have gathered the markets over. Never were the Assortments so great, never could little money buy so much.

Staple Flannels The always good, always wanted kind. Medicated red, blue, gray and white Flannel, the kind you always pay 31c to 35c for, here at **25c.**

Famous Agawa Flannel in blue, **39c** instead of 50c. Veloree Flannel or Flannelette, soft and warm, the 10c kind, **7c.**

They're $3.50 Shoes, but Our Price is..... $2.50 Nowhere can you find equal value, plump Kid Skin button or lace, kid or patent leather tips, newest toe, every shape and finish that fashion demands. Make dainty gifts.

SLIPPERS for Women High cut, Red Quilted Satin, fur trimmed, flannel lined, with satin covered heels, other stores $1.50 and $1.75—our price **$1.25.**

Felt Slippers for women, misses and children, fur trimmed, flexible soles. Ladies, **$1.00**; misses, **85c**; children, **75c.**

Hand Crocheted Bed Room Slippers, beautifully worked, **85c.**

SLIPPERS FOR MEN.—Romeo House Shoes of kid, **$1.25.** Opera and Everett Slippers of black and brown kid, **50c, 75c** and **$1.00.** Slippers for boys and young men, **65c.**

Umbrellas Special sale 26-inch Silk Gloria Umbrellas with Dresden and natural wood handles, **$1.00.**

26-inch Silk Gloria, natural handles, sterling silver, Dresden and horn handles, **$1.25.**

26-inch Silk natuaal handles, silver trimmed, extra heavy tassel, new style handles, **$1.75.**

Also 28-inch Silk Gloria, natural handle, silver trimmed, new style handles, **$1.75.**

Great Blanket Sale On Monday, December 5th, auction rooms, in Philadelphia, special purchase for spot cash large lot of Bed Blankets and Carriage Robes, manufacturered by John & James Dobson. The prices in this advertisement speak only in cold type, the goods must be seen to be appreciated. To be sold for less than Fifty Cents on the Dollar.

Fine All Wool Double Carriage Lap Robes, weighing 7½ lbs. size 53x68 inches, regular selling price for this robe $10, marked for quick sale **$4.45.**

Fine All Wool Double Carriage Lap Robe, size 50x63 inches, weighing 6½ lbs; the regular selling price for this robe $8, marked here for quick sale, **$3.98.**

Fine All Wool Double Carriage Lap Robes, weighing 4½ lbs., size 50x60 inches, the regular selling price for this robe $5, marked here **$2.45.**

Fine All Wool Carriage Lap Robe, weighing 4½ lbs., size 53x60 inches, the regular seliing price for this robe $5, marked here **$2.25.**

Fine Wool Carriage Lap Robe, weighing 4 lbs., size 54x70 inches; the regular selling price for this robe $3.00, marked here **$1.49.**

Fine Wool Carriage Robe, 2½ lbs.; the regular selling price for this robe $2.00, marked here **98c.**

50 pairs Fine White California Wool Blankets, 10-4 wide, silk binding; red and blue, pink and yellow borders, weighing 4½ lbs.—fully worth $6 50—**$3.94** pair.

50 pair Fine White California Blankets, 10-4 size, wide silk binding; red, blue and pink borders, weighing 4½ lbs,—worth $5.50—$3.69 pair.

98 pairs Heavy Wool Blankets, 10-4 size, wide silk binding, red, blue and yellow borders, weighs 5 lbs,; this blanket is slightly stained—worth $2.50—marked **$1.50** pair.

10-4 Heavy Cotton Fleece Blankets, wide tape binding, red, blue and yellow borders, in gray and white, **59c** pair.

Special in Men's and Boys' Clothing! Men's Fine All Wool Clay Worsted Suits in sacks, fancy Cbeviot single and double breasted, cut in most improved style, the tailoring leaves nothing to be desired, some with silk lining,—Worth $10—**$7.50.**

Boys' All Wool Blouse Suits, in vestee make, blue, black and mixed Cheviot, patent waist bands and taped seams, nicely trimmed, and worth $4.00—here **$2.47.**

Boys' 2-piece Suits, double breasted, blue, black and brown; here's a suit made to sell at $5.00 and $6.00, marked here **$4.47.**

GREAT DILPLAY OF TOYS.

Express Wagons, strongly made, nicely finished, **50c.** Red Painted Chairs, **10c** to **23c.** Baby Carriages, upholstered and well made, **23c** to **$2.** Tool Chests, complete, containing rule, hammer, saw, mallet, etc., **23c** to **$1.90.**

Dressed Dolls, 12 inches high, **19c.** Dressed Dolls, 18 inches high, in neat boxes, **25c.** 24-inch imported Kid Body Doll, moveable eyes and jointed, **50c.** Great assortment Imported Dolls, from **1c** to **$4.15.**

Beautiful Oak Writing Desks, with neat carving, **88c** to **$2.25.** Easle Black Boards, well made, **23c.**

Candies 5 cents to 50 cents per Pound.

Lowney's Bonbon Chocolates, put up in neat boxes, **50 cents** per pound.

J. B. MESSICK, MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

FALL ARRANGEMENTS

SteamerCLIO

Capt. E. E. TRUAX,
WILL LEAVE
Odessa and Port Penn for Phila
AND RETURN FROM
PIER 18, SOUTH WHARVES,
AS FOLLOWS:

Odessa.	December.	Philadelphia.
Thursday,	1st 11 am	Friday, 2d 6½ pm
Monday,	5th 12 m	Tuesday, 6th 11 am
Thursday,	8th 2 pm	Friday, 9th 12 m
Monday,	12th 6½ pm	Tuesday, 13th 3½ pm
Thursday,	15th 10½ am	Friday, 16th 6 pm
Monday,	19th 12 m	Tuesday, 20 11 am
Thursday,	22d 2½ pm	Friday, 23d 12½ pm
Tuesday	27th 6½ pm	Wed'd'y, 28th 4 pm
Thursday	29th 10 am	Friday, 30th 6½ pm

Boat will leave Port Penn two hours later than Odessa time.

Grain, Fruit and Stock

Freighted at Reasonable Rates.
Attention given to the Careful Handling and prompt delivery of all Consignments.
For information in regard to Freight Rates apply to
F. B. WATKINS, Manager,
Odessa, Delaware
JOHN KEEGAN, Clerk.

Wm. B. Sharp & Co

FOURTH and MARKET STS.
Wilmington, Del.

Black Henriettas.

For a fine and elegant looking and wearing black dress gift, nothing is more pleasing than a silk warp or all-wool Henrietta. They are highly appreciated wherever worn. The silk warps are $1.25, $1.50 and $2; the all-wools 50c, 75c and $1.

Plaids

in fine, high-priced styles, right new, for 12½c per yard, with many of the higher gardes reduced from $1 to 50cents per yard.

Outing Flannels.

2,000 yards just received in splendid new and stylish patterns. They are beautiful combination of stripe and flake effects in pinks and light blues. Nothing nicer for waists, house robes or wrappers Our holiday offering in in these goods is 5c per yard to 8c grade and 8c per yard for 12½c grade.

Dress Patterns.

nicely finished and done up with paper bands for presents consisting of 10 yards of fine Sateen and percale, reduced from $1 to 75c the pattern.

Santa Claus.

Punch and Judy, Darkey Dolls, Sailor Boys, Pug Dogs, Puppies, Cats Kittens and Monkeys. We have this menagerie stuffed ready for your trees or by the yard—from 2 to 10c each.

Infants' Knit Sacques.

Look out for the babies in cold weather and get one of these KnitSacques. They are in white, baby blue and pink borders 25c to $1.50.

Duchess Silks,

always one of the handsomest silk gowns a lady can have We are running a special number of these silks now at 50c per yard for a 75cgrade.

Upholstery Department

shows many Christmas novelties suitable for gifts such as
Fancy Pillows,
Bamboo Novelty Furniture,
Fancy Screens,
Silk Scarfs for mantles and pianos, and all heavy Curtains at much reduced prices

Napkins.

Two special numbers in Irish Damask Napkins, full bleached, all new designs.
20x20, worth $1.65, for $1.25 doz.
22x22, worth $2.00, $1.50 doz.

Special Saturday.

240 Oneita Union Suits—natural grey for balbriggan, our 75c grade will be closed out on that day for 39c each or 3 suits for $1.15 and not more than 3 suits to each customer.

WM. B. SHARP & CO.

REGISTER'S ORDER.

REGISTER'S OFFICE
NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL.
Dec. 5th, 1898.

Upon the application of Merritt N. Willits, Administrator of Horatio N. Willits, late of St. Georges Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register that the Administrator aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters of Administration upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the Middletown TRANSCRIPT, a newspaper published in Middletown, Del., and to be continued therein two months.

Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register aforesaid at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written

SEAL

CALVIN W. CROSSAN, Register.

NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that letters of administration were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned, on the fifth day of Dec. A. D. 1898, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested, to the said administrator, on or before the fifth day of Dec. 1899, or abide the act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

MERRITT N. WILLITS.
Address, Administrator
Middletown Delaware.

The Middletown Transcript

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., DEC. 17, 1898

Local News.

—Lever Club Skates, 38c. per pair at MESSICK'S.

Every body uses Bragdon's Poultry Remedy, it cures: 25 cents.

Go to DeValinger's for your candies—the cheapest for the money to be found.

A car load of "Salt" just received at DeValingar's—selling wonderfully low.

—At Cost.—I will sell my entire stock of Millinery at cost.

Edith B. Morgan, Odessa, Del.

—Heavy Top Sole Leather Boots for Men, $1.50, better than you'll find at most stores. At MESSICK'S.

—Go to Satterfield's for the best flour for pastry and cakes, for the freshest nuts and cheapest candies.

—It is reported that the Government will refund the State $22,000 which was used to equip the First Delaware Regiment.

—Dr. W. E. Barnard has rented of Miss Bessie Anderson on West Main street and will move there on March 25th next.

—No person in a town should keep chickens unless they can prevent them from becoming a nuisance to neighbors.

—The snow that fell Monday was the fourth of the season, only about an inch, but clearing off the next day. Since it has been decidedly wintry.

—100 piece Dinner Set, profuse floral decorations in beautiful colors on each of the 100 pieces, stripped gold handles, extra large pieces, $7.50. J. B. MESSICK.

—It is said plans were partially completed at the secret session of the Levy Court held last week, to complete the St. Augustine road as a Christmas present to New Castle county.

—Next week the TRANSCRIPT will be issued earlier on account of the Christmas Holidays, and friends should govern their ads. and news items accordingly.

—Men's Hip Gum Boots, $3.50 Boys' Hip Gum Boots, $2.50; Men's Short Gum Boots, $2.50; Ladies' Rubbers, 25c; Misses Rubbers, 25c; Children's Rubbers, 19c, at MESSICK'S.

—John Edward Addicks and Mrs. Ida Carr Wilson were married on Wednesday at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, Claymont. The wedding was private.

—Men's Heavy Work Gloves, largest stock in the State, bought less than 30 cents on the dollar. Heavy Lined Leather Gloves, 19c; Extra Heavy Buck Skin, 75c.

J. B. MESSICK.

—Mr. S. C. Biggs has lost three cows from his dairy herd on his farm at "the 8 square" school house, presumably from hydrophobia. It is supposed the cows were bitten last summer.

—If you are going out of town for an outing leave your address at The Transcipt office and the paper will follow you. It is the only way to keep posted on town affairs.

—We have a fine line of Ladies' Wrappers which would make a suitable X-mas gift for the ladies, also a full line of Ladies' Nubias, Fancy Embroidered Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs.

S. BURSTAN.

—A nickel and a man can be separated with genuine satisfaction to the man if the nickle is invested in one of these cigars: Cinco, West Point, Spana Cuba, Monte Carlo. MESSICK.

—Burglars entered the general store of Mrs. V. Hayden, at Warwick, Tuesday night and secured merchandise to the amount of about $100. The hotel of Delbert Aiken was also entered.

—The White Rose Minstrels of Smyrna are practicing nightly for their show, to be given in the Opera House, Smyrna, on Monday evening, December 26th. They gave an entertainment here last season.

—If you want to buy a whole outfit call on S. Burstan. You can get a fine Suit of Clothes, Overcoat, Shoes and Gent's Furnishing Goods at the lowest prices. Give us a call and you will not go elsewhere.

—Go to Connellee's for Pure Candies from 8 cts. up; also Oranges, Apples, Grapes, Raisins, Dates, Figs, Currents, Citrons Dates, Fresh Cakes and Crackers, Almonds Cream Nuts, Walnuts, etc., all new goods. Dressed Poultry of all kinds—lowest prices for quality. W. T. CONNELLEE.

—Price List of Candies at Messick's.—Good Mixed Candies 5c. lb; Choice Mixed Candies, 10c. lb; Peanut Candy, 10c. lb; Best French Mixed Candies, 35c. lb; Lowney's Bonbons in boxes, assorted, 50c. lb; Fruit Candy, 50c. lb; English Walnuts, 12c. lb; Cream Nuts, 10c. lb; Extra Fine Large Oranges, 30c. doz; Lemons, 18c. doz.

—There is a merchant in town who says he cannot afford to advertise. We predict that if he cannot do it himself the time will come when the constable or sheriff will do it for him at much greater cost. Advertise now so you can sell your present stock and buy a larger new one and cheat the officers out of their fees.—Delaware Democrat.

—To the Christmas shopper who intends to spend his money out of town—mark the intends—attention is invited to the advertisments in this paper of the leading houses in Wilmington. They offer exceptional inducements and values. In some cases they pay half car-fare, and in others deliver goods to the station free. These inducements are certainly worth consideration.

—The thermometer has had a decided downward tendency during the past week and Wednesday morning registered 10, 12, 14 degrees according to the exposure of locality. On Monday there was a light fall of snow, but not enough for sleighing. Ice has formed on the creeks and ponds and if the present snap continues, owners of ice houses will be able to fill them with a good supply by Monday. The young folks have enjoyed fine skating.

—Representative James H. Shallcross has heard from the 175 barrels of Keifer pears which he sent to England. They netted him only 18 cents a basket when at home they were worth 28 cents. He lost by the experiment $87.50 or 50 cents on each barrel. The freight was 75 cents a barrel. Profitable deals may come from the venture, however, and the genial member-elect from St. Georges Hundred to the General Assembly so looks upon his efforts.

—Here is an arithmetical problem that is going the rounds: A is indebted to B $5, B to C, C to D, D to E, E to F, same amount. A, B, C, D and E each have $1 and no more, and consequently they cannot pay their debt. They put their money all together. A takes the $5, goes to B, pays his debt gets his receipt. B does the same to C, C to D, D to E and E to F. A, B, C, D and E are out of debt, and F has his money. Who, if anyone, is the loser.

—The trial of Senator Kenney has continued through the week with increasing interest. The evidence produced by the government had been stronger than in the first trial, the senator being contradicted at so many points and even by his own receipts that his testimony must have been weakened in the eyes of the jury. For nearly two days the attorneys have talked, all of them able advocates, Mr. Levi C. Bird and Mr. John Biggs for Senator Kenney and Mr. L. C. Vandegrift for the government.

Your choice "nuts," fresh and at the lowest prices for quality at DeValinger's.

—There can be but one best cigar and we claim one. Cinco is that cigar, 5 cents.

MESSICK.

—The Imitation Buffalo Robes with Job lots of Plush Robes and Horse Blankets at J. C. Parker & Son.

—Remember that J. F. McWhorter & Son have a full line of carriages and agricultural Implements on hand

—The Epworth League Entertainment last evening was enjoyable—socially, musically and "essayally."

—For Gent's Holiday Slippers go to S. Burstan—they are not only pretty and comfortable but they are cheap.

—The State Union of the Christian Endeavor has been invited by Forest Church to hold its next meeting in this town.

—The Rev. T. C. Potter will preach in the Forest Presbyterian Church on to-morrow at the morning and evening services.

—If our out-of-town folks know a good thing when they see it, they should come to Middletown and see the handsome stocks of holiday goods, pretty and cheap.

—Why we sell the best Cigar in town at 2 for 5, we pay more money than others, that is the reason we can give you a better cigar at 2 for 5. MESSICK.

—The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody.

—Breakfast Food, Rolled Avena, Scotch Oats, Germea, Farina, Tapioca, Pear Hominy, Canned Goods of all kinds, new stock. Parks Dry Roast Coffees are the best. W. T. CONNELLEE.

PROFESSIONAL CARD.—Dr. W. E. Barnard Surgeon Dentist, office same location, opposite the post office. All operations pertaining to dentistry guaranteed. Odontunder and Gas for painless extracting.

—Decorative Plants.—A lot of Fine Palms and other Decorative Plants in for Christmas at very reasonable prices, also Carnations and Winter Blooming Bulbs.—E. J. STEELE, Florist, Middletown, Del.

—Every man has his own idea as to a cigar. We cater to the general public that's why you are always sure of satisfaction when you get our cigars. If you want a good straight smoke try one of our Famous it is the best cigar in the market. The Cinco, no better made that sold at 5c and few better at 10c. MESSICK.

—Those who have plenty of the good things of life at this season should not forget those who have them not, and exert their abilities to help and make comfortable the needy ones. There are those in every community who by old age or some other cause, are incapacitated from helping themselves, and are deserving of succor and aid. Do as you would be done by, as you have opportunity.

—John S. Rossell, during his visit to London, it is said, purchased for the Clark syndicate, which controls the Wilmington City Railway Company, 7000 shares of stock owned by William DuPont. Mr. DuPont was not in the pool that sold the company to the Clark syndicate and he was the largest minority stockholder. The present owners, it is said, have been buying up the interests of the minority stockholders.

—The Delaware Breakwater proved a veritable harbor of refuge in the recent hurricanes. In the dreadful storm of Sunday, November 27th, and the hardly less fearful blow of Sunday, December 4th, it was the salvation of many a craft. White vessels entered Boston Harbor only to be dashed to pieces, they came up from the Delaware Capes, although almost at sea, to assured safety.

—Jim Butcher, otherwise known as "Dunk," was committed to jail on Sunday morning by 'Squire Reynolds on several charges under $1200 bail. He was arrested Saturday night having fired five shots in a crowd, one ball passing between a man's legs. He recently defied arrest in Odessa at the point of his revolver. Twenty years would not be too much for such characters at hard labor.

—A young colored girl named Briscoe was committed to jail this week by 'Squire Reynolds, she for sometime having been stealing packages from carriages as they passed slowly a very bad, if not dangerous, hole in the road at Derrickson's Corner just west of town. The Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children will look after her. The question now is, Are the Road Commissioners liable for the losses through their negligence in not repairing "that road."

—The trial of Mrs. Botkin in San Francisco now in progress for the murder of Mrs. John P. Dunning, of Dover, attracts the attention of the whole country. The evidence against the prisoner is very strong, though Postmaster Gooden and Dr. Bishop were called "bad witnesses" for the prosecution. The other Delawareans testified satisfactorily. The druggist who sold the arsenic and the clerk who sold the candy identified the prisoner. Mr. Dunning has not told the story of his escapade with the prisoner, who says she will testify in her own behalf.

—An exchange warns farmers and fruit growers of a new swindle, which preposterous as it may seem, is being worked successfully in neighboring counties. The new scheme is a wonderful apple tree which is sold for a big price, and it is described as bearing Asiatic fruit which never rots, but simply shrivels up and could at any time be soaked in warm water and it returns to its original shape, color and flavor. It is claimed that the trees are forest trees, yielding abundant shade, require no cultivation and that the fruit is all the same size and shape.

—The predictions of Rev. Irl R. Hicks for latter part of December are as follows: "During the next regular storm period, the 13th to 18th, look for return of very marked storm conditions. About the 13th, the barometer will begin to fall in western sections, warmer days will advance eastward, with barometer falling to low readings and ending in active storms of rain, with probable wind and thunder southward, during the 14th, to 17th. The Moon being on the celestial equator on the 18th, the probabilities are great for a continuance of heavy winter perturbations over that date and into the reactionary storm disturbances central on the 19th, 20th and 21st. These last dates are at the center of the winter solstice, the point where earth turns in her orbit and begins her return to longer days. For a number of days before, including and after these central dates, the correct history of weather phenomena all over the northern hemisphere will show a decided tendency to boreal storms. All areas of mountain and plain, where heavy accumulations of snow and ice are common, will receive large additions at and about this time. Another severe, and far-reaching cold wave may be expected with the oncoming high barometer that will succeed the storms of this part of December. The last regular storm period for the month will fall from 25th to 29th. This will bring a return to warmer weather, falling barometer, and more storms of rain and snow, progressively from west to east during three or four days, say about the 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th.

—Lettuce, 3c. per hundred.—C. R. Clayton, Cass Street, Middletown, Del.

—All pictures taken to-day, Monday and Tuesday of next week, will be finished by Christmas. HENRI TRINKLERE.

—Shirts, 10c; Cuffs, 4c; Collars, 2c. All work guaranteed to be the best.—Lee Sing, North Broad Street.

—Let a man get a gun out and clean it and every man and boy who comes along will take an interest in the performance.

—Why wait? Select your Christmas presents while you have the pick. If it is Jewelry or anything in her line, Mrs. Massey will not only sell a first class article but she will aid you to select. Why wait?

—Samuel Peachy, living on the State road, this side of Blackbird, has had the misfortune to lose all his horses by the blind staggers. He can continue farming only by the assistance of his friends.—Smyrna Times.

—Do you want the "best farm wagon made?" If so, buy the Milburn. Do you want to double the profits from your cows? If so, buy the American Separator. The above are for sale by

J. F. MCWHORTER & SON

—One of the largest bands of gypsies ever seen in Delaware is traveling in the lower part of the state. The band has fifteen wagons and numerous horses and dogs. The men spend most of their time in trading horses.

—The Rev. M. B. Sice, who has been in charge of the St. Joseph's Colored Catholic Orphanage in Wilmington, has been transferred to St. Joseph's School at Clayton, and the Rev. L. J. Welbers, of the school will be sent to the orphanage in Wilmington.

—Kates is making a specialty of Fine Oysters and Quick Lunches, particular attention to serving oysters in all styles. You can also get anything in the Lunch line; Kates knows how to cater to your wants. Also has a nice line of Candies, Nuts and Fruits.

—12 piece Toilet Set, full size pieces, gold edges, colored filled in decoration on beautiful tints, half hand work, tastefully colored flowers and leaves, gold edges, comprises Bowl, Pitcher, extra large Slop Bowl, Chamber with Cover, Tooth Brush Vase, Soap Dish, with cover and drainer, Handle Pitcher and Handle Mug, $5.90.

J. B. MESSICK.

—Jonathan Wilson, who has for a number of years lived in a cabin on the Brandywine and has been working for the Edge Moore Bridge Co., left Wilmington on Wednesday night for New York, from which place he will sail for England, where he goes to claim his portion of £12,000, which was left to him and a brother by their grandmother, who died last summer. Each brother is entitled to equal share.

—Accidents have been in order this week—one, two and the third. They have been with teams. On Monday Mr. Samuel Warren's horses got beyond his control through detached harness and threw him out, bruising him considerably. On Tuesday Mr. Eben Clark was hauling corn for his father and his reins broke, the mules running the best they could with the heavy load. Mr. Clark attempted to control them by getting on the back of one but slipped and fell the load passing over him and breaking his leg below the knee. Mr. Ellison came along and took Mr. Clark up. Julian Taylor who was with Mr. Clark finally stopped the jaded mules without damage to them or the wagon. On Wednesday Mr. Morgan's team at the depot took fright and threw him out with some bruises. Mr. O. M. Matthews stopped still another which was going out Main Street at a lively gait from the station.

What The New Century Club Did.

At the opening hour last Tuesday it looked as though the sharp north wind had cooled the ardor of the members of the club only a mere handful being present, but, during the reading of the minutes and the first article, they came in by one and by two until an average attendance was reached.

Miss Susie Ellison gave in her article on "Sir Thomas More" an excellent description of him as a statesman and as a scholar, while Miss Saidee Pharo brought before the club a most vivid picture of a man and king in her "James I."

Three papers, "The Gunpowder Plot," "The Thirty Years War," and "Ben Jonson," were left for a later date owing to illness and unavoidable absence of their authors. However, Miss Mary Cochran helped make up for their loss in her exceedingly characteristic story of "John Dudley," and the remaining time was occupied by a discussion of affairs connected with an interesting drama which will be produced by several members of the club sometime during January.

The following is the program for next week: "Charles I," Mrs. J. P. Cochran, Jr.; "Milton," Mrs. Richard Lockwood; "Duke of Buckingham," Miss Allie McKee; "Dryden," Mrs. Howard Pool. There will also be a roll call of current events.

Bragdon & Co.

Here one may always expect to see the beautiful, the artistic, the elegant, their past reputation seems almost eclipsed, every counter is filled with lovely goods, gifts for the holidays, here, there and everywhere are evidences of the festive season. One can select many varieties of pretty things. In stationary the goods are of the finest quality for correspondence. There is an endless variety of silver novelties and catchy little ideas in brass and bronze. 'Ye Olden Time" candle sticks in black iron, quaint and pretty; the ornamental clocks tick themselves out at a lively rate at $2.00 a piece. The counters are full of the most elegant soaps, they are luxuries but the prices are amazingly low, evidently put here for quick sellers, and are rapidly being taken out. Brushes.—Hair, tooth, flesh and shaving, they are perfection in make and finish, certainly of daily necessity, they are marked at a special low price for Christmas time. Candies of only the finest quality are here, the boxes of course are gotten up for the holiday occasion; delicious chocolate almonds, caromels, bon bons, wafers, Lowneys and Rockwoods goods. As our reporter leaves Mr. Bragdon says please thank the TRANSCRIPT for their many favors, and whatever you think our goods worthy of notice, do not forget that these pretty things are all for the holidays, and that we are druggists, the medicines are our prime factors, and our laboratory is open to the inspection of the profession and public. Our goods are of only the finest quality the market affords.

SUSSEX COUNTY.

(For other items under this heading turn to outside pages.)

A choir has been organized in the Seaford Public School.

James L. Wooters president of the Milford Hunt Club, celebrated on Dec. 5th the 80th anniversary of his birth.

Mrs. Henrietta Philips, aged 85 years, and one of the oldest residents of Seaford died on Tuesday of pneumonia.

The wedding of Charles Lewis, of Los Angeles, Cal., and Miss Ida Kinder, of near Seaford took place last week at Bethel.

Mrs. Florence Custis Gutner, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth M. Custis, of Onancock, Accomac county, Va., and Charles W. Cullen, Esq., attorney at law of Georgetown, and son of Hon. Charles M. Cullen, were married on the morning of Saturday, December 3d, at 11 o'clock, at the home of the bride's mother. They have begun housekeeping in the new home built by Mr. Cullen just south of town.

PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Bradford, near Maryland neighbors to Middletown over the State line, spent several days in Philadelphia last week while their home entertained guests after a rather novel but evidently most happily conceived idea. They attended the wedding of Mrs. Bradford's sister, Miss Richards to Dr. J. Gurney Taylor, and after the reception remained some days in the city, the bride and groom electing to "begin housekeeping" in Mr. and Mrs. Bradford's home awaiting the sailing of the American Line Steamer, the Waesland, on Saturday, December 10th. Of the wedding the "Evening Bulletin" said:

A brilliant assemblage witnessed the wedding of Miss Mary Lippencott Richards and Dr. J. Gurney Taylor at noon to-day in St. Mary's Protestant Episcopal Church, Thirty-ninth and Locust streets. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Augustus H. Richards, of Forty-first and Locust streets, and is one of the fairest girls in Philadelphia society. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Gernant, of the Overbrook Protestant Episcopal Church. Miss Richards entered the church on the arm of her brother-in-law, Mr. William D. Bradford, who gave her away. Miss Sue V. Cresson was the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Miss Kaighn, Miss Elizabeth Canby, of Wilmington, Del.; Miss Ethel Maule, Miss Ann Morris, Miss Louise Spear and Miss Mary Morris. Mr. W. Charles Taylor, a brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man. The ushers were Mr. Alfred M. North, Dr. Joseph Scattergood, Dr. William R. Nicholson, Dr. Brinton R. Chance, Dr. Robert N. Wilson and Dr. Carle L. Felt. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of Mrs. Richards, 4049 Locust street. The dwelling was massed with flowers. About 150 guests were present, among them being Mr. and Mrs. William Shipley Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel R. Shipley, Mr. J. Dundas Lippincott, Mr. and Mrs. G. Herbert Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. A. Merritt Taylor, Miss Howell, Mrs. Edward C. Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Curtis, of Wilmington, Del.; Miss Eugenie Bradford, Miss Alice Bradford, Mr. C. Clifford Taylor, Miss Anna W. Todd, the Misses Bettle and Miss Mariana Taylor. Dr. and Mrs. Taylor left this afternoon for a long wedding trip. They will be at home after February 20th, at 6047 Drexel road, Overbrook.

—At the third Quarterly Conference of the Middletown M. E. Church held on Monday unusually strong commendatory resolutions were adopted endorsing the four years ministry of Rev. I. L. Wood, Ph. D., as pastor, and asking for his return for the fifth year.

—The friends of ex-Gov. John P. Cochran were somewhat alarmed at his condition a few days this week, his severe cold threatening to turn into pneumonia. A nurse from the city was secured. He is much better now and on the road, it is hoped, to a speedy recovery.

—Mrs. Mary B. Wilson, of Betterton and Mrs. R. T. Turner, of Still Pond, Md., with their granddaughter, Mary Rebecca Turner, were the guests this week of Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Barnard.

—Mrs. M. B. Burris spent several days in the Quaker City this week with friends

—Miss Lucy Cochran has returned from a visit with Mrs. Joseph Mendenhall, of Wilmington, Delaware.

—Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Chamberlain, of New York, were the guests of his father, Dr. G. G. Chamberlain, over Sunday. Mrs. Chamberlain will remain until after the holidays.

—Mr. D. L. Dunning, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with Capt. Samuel Pennington.

—Mr. Corbet Naudain, of the Quaker City, is visiting his brother, Mr. G. W. W. Naudain.

—Miss Mary Barnard, of Greensboro, Md., spent Saturday with Miss Helen Naudain.

—Mr. M. C. Smith, of Norristown, Pa., formerly of Delaware City, was the guest this week of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Parker.

—Miss Clara Vaughan is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Horace Vaughan.

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The firm of T. H. Pennock & Co., having stocked the store of Naudain's corner with an assortment of fine clothing from their house, 5th and Market Street, the city of Wilmington, with Mr. Thomas E. Hurn, an old resident and clothing man of Middletown, who will attend to showing the people of Middletown and vicinity these goods at prices that will and cannot be duplicated in any city. We have suits for men for $5.00 and upwards; overcoats $5.00, $8.00, $10.00 and $12.00, which sold at fore part of the season for more money. Pants from $1.00 to $5.00 of all grades; boys clothing at your own price. Call and see him. You will be treated right and be satisfied with your purchase.

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The said partnership is to be conducted under the partnership name of Charles Baird and Company, and the general object of the partnership is to carry on the trade and business of manufacturing and dealing in morocco and other leathers and all things thereunto belonging or appertaining.

The names and residences of the said partners are as follows: The general partner of the said firm is Robert S. Baird, living in the city of Wilmington, New Castle county and State of Delaware, and the special partner is James C. McComb, of Brandywine Hundred, New Castle county and State of Delaware.

That the said James C. McComb, the special partner, has contributed the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars to the common stock of the said partnership.

That the said partnership is to commence on the sixteenth day of November, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety eight and is to end on the fifteenth day of November, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

In Witness Whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals at the city of Wilmington and State of Delaware, this sixteenth day of November, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety eight.

ROBERT S. BAIRD, [L. S.]
JAMES M. MCCOMB, [L. S.]

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of
HORACE G. KNOWLES.

STATE OF DELAWARE, } ss.
New Castle County,

Be it remembered, that on this sixteenth day of November, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety eight, personally come before me, Lewis Sasse, a Justice of the Peace for New Castle county and State of Delaware, Robert S. Baird and James C. McComb, parties to the foregoing certificate, known to me personally to be such, and severally acknowledge that they signed and sealed the said certificate for the purposes therein set forth, and that the same is their and each of their act and deed.

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